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SUBJECT: ICNAF COMMISSIONERS DOCUMENT: NOTE BY U. S.

COMMISSIONERS ON ICNAF CONSERVATION ACTIONS

1. AMERICAN CONSUL HALIFAX REQUESTED TO DELIVER SUBJECT DOCUMENT TO MR. L. R. DAY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION, BEDFORD INSTITUTION, DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA FOR CIRCULATION TO ICNAF MEMBERS AS COMMISSIONERS DOCUMENT.

2. OTHER POSTS REQUESTED TO DELIVER COPY OF DOCUMENT
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IMMEDIATELY TO HOST COUNTRY FISHERY OFFICIALS AS INDICATED WITH COVERING NOTE THAT DOCUMENT IS AN ADVANCE COPY OF DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ICNAF SECRETARIAT FOR CIRCULATION TO MEMBER COUNTRIES. COUNTRY FISHERY OFFICIALS ARE: C. R. LEVELTON, FISHERIES AND MARINE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OTTAWA; K. LOKKEGAARD, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, COPENHAGEN; J. B. TOUYA, MINISTERE DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE, PARIS; D. BOOSS, BUNDESMINISTERIUM FUR ERNAHRUNG, LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND FORSTEN, BONN; T. ASGEIRSSON, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, REYKJAVIK; A. CARUSI, MINISTERO DELLA MARINA MERCHANTILE, ROME; MR. S. MISHIDA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOKYO; O. LUND, DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, BERGEN; R. PIETRASZEK, MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, WARSAW; J. C. ESTEVES-CARDOSO, MINISTRY OF MARINE S. PEDRO DO ESTORIL, LISBON; L. POPESCU, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FORESTRY AND WATER MANAGEMENT, BUCHAREST; G. MARCITLACH, SUBSECRETARIA DE LA MARINA MERCANTE, MADRID; A. A. VOLKOV, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, MOSCOW; J. GRAHAM, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD, LONDON; D. NEDEV, STATE ECONOMIC BOARD, SOPHIA.

3. FIGURE 1 AND TABLES 1, 2, 3 A, AND 3 B BEING POSTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER AND TO BE DELIVERED TO HOST COUNTRY FISHERY OFFICIALS WHEN RECEIVED. MAIN DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE DELIVERED WITHOUT WAITING FOR THIS MATERIAL.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ICNAF COMMISSIONERS DOCUMENT:
NOTE BY U. S. COMMISSIONERS ON ICNAF CONSERVATION ACTIONS:

THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSIDERED THE RESPONSE OF THE COMMISSION TO ITS PROPOSAL TO REGULATE FISHING EFFORT AND CONCLUDED THAT FURTHER ATTENTION MUST BE FOCUSED URGENTLY ON THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE CONVENTION AREA SO THAT REMEDIAL MEASURES MAY BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT DELAY.

WE HAVE EXTENSIVELY REVIEWED ICNAF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND CAREFULLY STUDIED THE ANALYSES CARRIED OUT IN THE COMMISSION WITH THE COOPERATION OF OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE WORK OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ICNAF ASSESSMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON EFFORT LIMITATION THAT MET IN WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS, MARCH 26-30, 1973. WE ARE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT THE CURRENT ICNAF APPROACH TO CONSERVATION IS INADEQUATE. THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE ICNAF APPROACH ARE WIDE RANGING AND PERVASIVE, EXTENDING THROUGH ALL PHASES OF ACTIVITY FROM INADEQUATE RESEARCH THROUGH

INEFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS. THE RESULT WILL INEVITABLY BE FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE RESOURCES AND THE FISHERIES THEY SUPPORT.

THE ASSESSMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MADE IT CLEAR IN ITS REPORT AT THE JANUARY 1973 MEETING THAT FISHING ACTIVITY HAS CONTINUED TO EXPAND IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6 IN RECENT YEARS EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE RESOURCES FISHED ARE EITHER

FULLY EXPLOITED OR OVEREXPLOITED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE 1971 TOTAL CATCH IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6 WAS TAKEN AT OR BEYOND THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD (MSY), AND THAT FISHING EFFORT IN 1971 WAS SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND THE LEVEL CORRESPONDING TO THE MSY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS POINTED OUT THAT CONTINUING THE FISHING AT THE 1971 LEVEL OR GREATER WOULD IN THE LONG RUN REDUCE STOCK ABUNDANCE, CATCH PER- UNIT- OF- EFFORT, AND TOTAL CATCH.

THREATENED RESOURCES AND FISHERIES CANNOT BE PROTECTED BY RELYING ONLY ON CATCH QUOTAS FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIES. THE ASSESSMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED AT ITS MIDTERM MEETING IN JANUARY 1973 THAT QUOTE BECAUSE OF THE BY- CATCH PROBLEM, CATCH QUOTAS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES WOULD TEND TO GENERATE OVEREXPLOITATION WHICH COULD BE MITIGATED ONLY BY TOTAL CATCH OR EFFORT REGULATION SET BELOW THE LEVEL ESTIMATED TO ACHIEVE THE SUMMED MSY'S OF INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES, WHEN THESE RESOURCES ARE FISHED INDEPENDENTLY. UNQUOTE BY- CATCH PROBLEMS ARE PARTICULAR- LY ACUTE IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6 WHERE INTENSE FISHERIES EXPLOIT A VARIETY OF INTERMIXED SPECIES. THIS MIXING OF SPECIES MAKES SELECTIVITY FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIES NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE AND UNDERSCORE UNDERMINES IN LARGE UNCLASSIFIED

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PART THE BASIC PREMISE ON WHICH INDIVIDUAL SPECIES QUOTAS ARE BASED, I. E., THAT CATCHES OF INDIVIDUAL SPECIES CAN BE ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED END UNDERSCORE.

THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND ROBUST REGULATORY MEASURES PROVIDING MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROLS. THESE MUST BE TAILORED TO FIT THE CHARACTER- ISTICS OF THE STOCK STRUCTURE AND FISHING PATTERNS OF THE AREA AND FISHERIES CONCERNED. THESE MUST ALSO TAKE INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE RESEARCH, MONITORING, AND ENFORCE- MENT CAPABILITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

AN EVALUATION OF THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE CURRENT ICNAF APPROACH, TOGETHER WIT

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